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Dual Enrollment Program Offers High School Students Options



Left: Richard Byrne From Tuscaloosa County in Welding
Right: Lindee Coleman from Hale County in Drafting



High school students are jump starting their college career with the Dual Enrollment program at Shelton State Community College. Dual Enrollment allows qualified students the opportunity to receive both high school credit and college credit through Shelton State.

Dual Enrollment students gain early exposure to the college learning environment and positive reinforcement of learning skills. Students who complete the program can enter college at the sophomore level after high school graduation.

Richard Byrne is a senior at Hillcrest High School who is planning to study Aerospace Engineering at Auburn University next fall. He thinks that his welding class at Shelton State will give him the real world experience that can help him in his engineering studies. He says that he has touched just about every piece of equipment in the shop, but his favorite is TIG welding because it makes such clean welds.

But Byrne is only one of the 24 students from the Tuscaloosa County School System and the Hale County School System enrolled in courses during the fall 2005 semester at Shelton State.

Others enrolled in the include from Hale County: Jessica Robertson (Barbering), Margaret Johnson (Drafting), Amanda Hill (Drafting), Lindee Coleman (Drafting), Jeffrey Wiggins (Industrial Electronics), Michael Martin (Carpentry), Vicki Spires (Office Administration), Charles Kelly (Welding), Lee Moore (Diesel Mechanics), John Heartsill (Diesel Mechanics), Brandy Harper (Office Administration), Michael Martens (Carpentry), Cassandra Sheetz (Office Administration), Robert Howton (Welding), Timothy Lasowski (Electrical Technology), Dustin Kelley (Welding),

William Fife (Welding), and Mark Ballard (Welding). Tuscaloosa County School System students include: Patrick Dockery (Drafting), Clinton Hall (Drafting), Richard Byrne (Welding), Vanessa Edwards (Drafting), David Bryant (Electrical Technology) and Joshua Foster (Machine Tool Technology).

Tuscaloosa County Board of Education spokesperson John Merrill said, "The dual enrollment program offers wonderful opportunities our students. Not only can they earn advance credit, but they are being taught by some of the most highly qualified teachers in the area and instructed on equipment that is at the cutting edge of technology."

Studies show that dual enrollment partnerships are beneficial to students, parents, high schools, and postsecondary institutions alike. Motivated students earn college credit in high school, parents realize substantial financial savings, high schools are able to offer courses that might otherwise not be available to students, and colleges gain access to some of the high schools' brightest students.

Steve Fair, Assistant Dean for Technical Education, heads the program at Shelton State. "The program gives students a jump start in pursuing goals and gets them in the work force faster," he said. "Almost everyone interested in a technical career can find a course."

Additional information on Dual Enrollment at Shelton State can be found on the Shelton State web site at www.sheltonstate.edu/sscc/info/dual/DUAL1.ASP or by contacting Byron Abston at babston@sheltonstate.edu or by phone at (205)391-2388 .

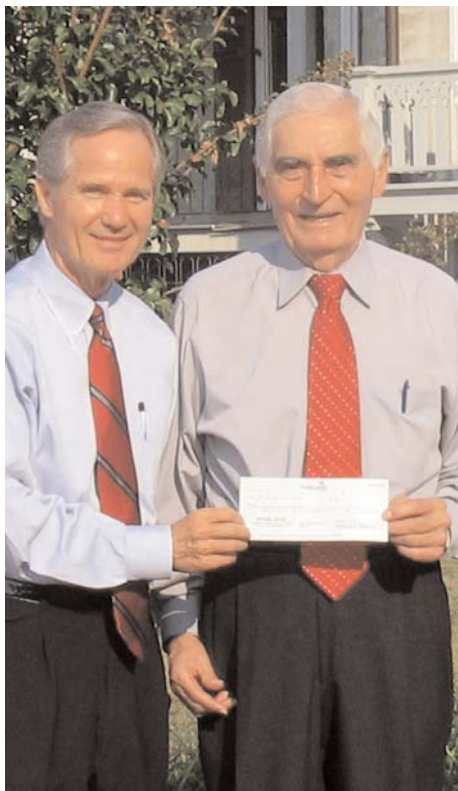


Joshua Foster, Tuscaloosa County, in Machine Tool Technology

"The Tuscaloosa County Board of Education is excited about the renewed interest in the dual enrollment program. The 2005-2006 enrollment results clearly indicate that our students are taking advantage of an outstanding educational opportunity to earn college credit. In addition, students are pursuing careers in technical programs that will expand their futures."

- Dr. Frank Costanza,
Superintendent Tuscaloosa
County School System

PAL and Shelton Foundation Establish Alvin P. DuPont Scholarship



Lewis Drummond and former Tuscaloosa Mayor Al DuPont

Tuscaloosa's Police Athletic League (PAL) has endowed a scholarship with the Shelton State Foundation honoring long-time Tuscaloosa Mayor Alvin P. DuPont.

The annual scholarship will be presented to young person who has participated in the Police Athletic League programs and will be chosen by the PAL team.

"Mayor DuPont has been a huge supporter of PAL. We are delighted to recognize his long service to the community with a scholarship named in his honor," said Greg Cosloff, head of PAL and President of the

Shelton State Foundation.

PAL, a juvenile crime prevention program founded by Chief Ken Swindle, was borne out of the troubling situation that confronted some young Tuscaloosans, who were often unsupervised and left to experiment with drugs, alcohol and much worse. PAL provides a positive alternative to these distractions, offering students a space to study, exercise, and be in contact with responsible role models.

"This a wonderful collaboration between PAL and the Shelton State Foundation to recognize and support a deserving student," said Lewis Drummond, Shelton State Foundation Executive Director.

Shelton State is Most Popular 2-Year School in Alabama

Dr. Rick Rogers, President of Shelton State Community College, announced that data from ACT shows that Shelton State was the most popular two-year institution in Alabama when adding all choices disregarding ranked preferences with 1,344 total choices.

The college entrance exam asks students to list schools to which they want their score sent, an indicator of where they are likely to apply.

"This report reflects statewide results, not just from our service area. Obviously, the quality of the programs at Shelton State is widely recognized," said Rogers.

Abston Named Assistant Dean of Student Services and Registrar



Dr. Rick Rogers, President of Shelton State Community College, has announced the appointment of Byron O. Abston as Assistant Dean of Student Services and Registrar.

Abston, who joined Shelton State in 2000 as Technology Specialist, has also served the school as a Mathematics Instructor,

Faculty Assistant to the President, Director of Grant and Resource Development and most recently as Interim Registrar.

He holds a B.S. in Commerce and Business Administration and a M.A. in Secondary Mathematics from the University of Alabama. He expects to complete his Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration at the University of Alabama in August 2006. He was selected to attend the Alabama Community College Leadership Academy; a year-long leadership training program designed to develop future leaders for community colleges and is a graduate of Leadership Tuscaloosa class of 2004-2005.

"I'm delighted to be presented with this opportunity at a school I am totally committed to," said Abston. "I look forward to finding new ways that Shelton State can serve the needs of its students."

"Byron has demonstrated great skill and versatility in every position he has held at Shelton State," said Dr. Rick Rogers. "We all look forward to his leadership as Assistant Dean of Student Services and Registrar."



Tuscaloosa's "Mr. Bingo," Tommy Hester, calls the numbers at Shelton State Foundation's annual Barbeque Bash on September 22nd. The popular event, which included dinner and a silent auction in addition to the bingo games, raised over \$20,000 for the Foundation's scholarships and programs.

Focused Industry Training: Eleanor's Story

Taking their cue from the school's slogan, "It's all about results," staff members from various departments at Shelton State Community College joined together to achieve positive results for a young woman who had enrolled in Focused Industry Training (F.I.T.) at the West Alabama Center for Workforce Development located at the school.

Eleanor Davis had a degree from the University of Alabama in Management Information Systems and a minor in computer science when a tragic automobile accident in April 2004 left her in a coma for two months. The resulting Traumatic Brain Injury caused her to lose most of her memory as well as creating physical mobility problems. During her recovery, she was recommended to participate in the F.I.T. program.

"I talked to her a long time about the demands of the class," said Kathy Coleman, a program instructor. "I explained that with her difficulties in talking and even walking, it would be very challenging for her. But she was a most determined young woman."

Focused Industry Training is a 400 hour program taught over a ten week period. Typically students receive education in basic education (math, reading and communication skills), computer skills, problem solving, workplace behavior, manufacturing and job acquisition.

"One of the strengths of Shelton State is its ability to customize its programs to fit specific needs," said Susan Miller, director of the Center for Workforce Development. "And that is exactly what happened in Eleanor's case."

Because Eleanor already had computer skills, as her training began she started to recover her memory of how specific programs worked and soon was typing almost at her 85 word per minute pre-accident rate.

"It became obvious to us that she was going to do fine in the computer portion of the program but that her physical limitations from the accident would still be a liability for her," said Coleman. "That's when Mike Fields from the Job Placement Center suggested sending her down to the Wellness Center for a few hours each week."

Coleman contacted Dr. Milady Murphy, who heads Shelton State's Wellness Center and asked if she could evaluate her.

"We placed her in Ms. Dolores Royal's class where she exercised in a chair 2 days a week performing stretches, calisthenics and light resistant activity with weights," said Dr. Murphy. "From there she progressed where she could walk more efficiently, with better balance. The exercise program not only helped her physically but it enhanced her self-esteem and boosted her confidence."

But the inter-departmental cooperation didn't end there.

Darrell Wright, instructor of computer sciences at Shelton State, also met with Eleanor and worked with her on more advanced Microsoft programs that were not part of the F.I.T. training.

"She already had the knowledge. It was just a mat-

ter of showing her how the programs worked and once she saw them in operation her memory began to come back. It won't be long before her speed and confidence return as well," said Wright.

According to Kathy Coleman, Eleanor's speed at word processing won't be a problem for long.

"I had been teasing her about burning up the keyboard on her speed tests," said Coleman. "Then one day, just as Eleanor was leaving the building, the fire alarm went off. I called to her and said, 'I told you you'd set off the smoke detectors one day!'" laughed Coleman.

All employees at Shelton State Community College go through a Total Quality Management (T.Q.M.) program. One of guiding principals of the training is a focus on "customer service."

"At Shelton State we emphasize that our students *are* our customers," remarked Randy Jarrell, T.Q.M. instructor. "Just like in any retail business, if you're not happy with the way you're treated, you'll take your business elsewhere. We train our faculty and staff to strive to treat each student fairly and try to meet their individual needs to the extent of our abilities."

As Eleanor prepares to reenter the job market, she said "I did my first two years of undergraduate work at Shelton State so I was familiar with the school and the faculty. They provided me with motivation and stimulation I needed to start putting my life back together."

"Eleanor's story is not unique at Shelton State," said President Rick Rogers, "but it is a wonderful example of how committed our faculty and staff are to making a difference in the lives of our students."

"Although our school has grown tremendously over the last few years, our faculty and staff still works extremely well together and I believe that each and every one of them is totally committed to making a difference in the life of every student who walks through our doors," remarked President Rogers.



Theatre Tuscaloosa will present *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* December 9-18 at the Bean-Brown Theatre in the Sandra Hall Ray Fine Arts Center. For ticket information call 205/391-2277.

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Constitution Day Celebrated with Bert Bank, WWII Hero

Shelton State Community College celebrated Constitution Day 2005 with a patriotic program on Thursday, September 15 at 12:30 in the Atrium of the Martin Campus at 9500 Old Greensboro Road. The celebration included a simultaneous reading of the preamble, patriotic music and guest speaker, Bert Bank.



President George W. Bush signed the law which established September 17th as Constitution Day, and requested an educational program in all federally funded institutions.

Bank received his commission as a Second Lieutenant and was assigned to the 27th Bomb Group, arriving in the Philippines on November 20, 1941. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, his unit was moved to the Bataan Peninsula on December 24, 1941. After months of intense fighting, Bataan surrendered on April 9, 1942 and shortly thereafter the infamous "Death March" began during which approximately 20,000 prisoners died. His book, "Back From the Living Dead", recounts his experiences as a prisoner of war.



Dr. Cordell Wynn, Special Assistant to the President, poses outside the C. A. Fredd Campus of Shelton State Community College. The Fredd Campus, designated as a Historically Black College, is currently undergoing renovations that will transform the facade. The new look for the campus will echo the Martin campus' circular rotunda and provide additional facilities for the school's community outreach functions.